

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A tool cotter retaining device for a percussive demolition apparatus, in which the tool ~~(25)~~ mounted in a body of the apparatus is retained by a transverse cotter ~~(29)~~ engaged in a notch ~~(26)~~ of the tool, the cotter being engaged in a bore ~~(27)~~ of the body, wherein the zone of the body comprising the bore ~~(27)~~ for the engagement of the cotter ~~(29)~~ is fitted with a covering ferrule ~~(30)~~, this ferrule ~~(30)~~ being arranged to occupy a first position in which it at least partially closes off the bore ~~(27)~~ and a second position in which the bore ~~(27)~~ is uncovered, to allow the cotter ~~(29)~~ to be inserted or removed.
2. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ferrule ~~(30)~~ is made of a material with a high elastic limit.
3. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ferrule ~~(30)~~ is made of spring steel.
4. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the body of the apparatus comprises a peripheral groove ~~(28)~~, into which the bore ~~(27)~~ of the cotter ~~(29)~~ opens, and which serves for the positioning and guidance of the ferrule ~~(30)~~ on the body.

5. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the body of the apparatus comprises raised elements, such as ribs or pins serving to guide the ferrule.

6. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~, wherein the ferrule is of cylindrical shape and consists of a cylinder closed on itself in which an opening is made with a diameter at least equal to the diameter of the bore of the body designed for the cotter to pass through.

7. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~, wherein the ferrule ~~(30)~~ is of generally cylindrical shape and consists of a split ring.

8. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the ferrule ~~(30)~~ comprises a finger ~~(32)~~, turned on its inner face, designed to engage in a recess ~~(33)~~ of the body, to lock the ferrule in position covering the bore ~~(27)~~ of the body designed for the cotter ~~(29)~~ to pass through.